

REMARKS

Claims 1, 3-7 and 10-12 remain in the application. Claims 2, 8 and 9 have been canceled

First, Applicant has amended the specification to add reference in the application to the claim of priority of the provisional application.

Second, claim 11 stands rejected under 35 USC 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. Applicant has amended claim 11 to clarify the speed of said movement of said step is regulated to move at a desired rate of movement between said retracted and extended positions.

Claims 1-5 stand rejected under 35 USC 102(b) as being anticipated by Guidry (4,982,974). Further, claims 1-2 and 4-8 stand rejected under 35 USC 102(b) as being anticipated by Rivinius (3,986,724). Finally, claims 1-2 and 4-8 stand alternatively rejected under 35 USC 102(b) as being anticipated by Everett (4,356,894).

However, the Examiner has indicated that claims 9-12 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

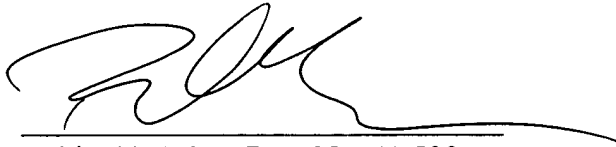
Applicant has amended independent claim 1 to incorporate all of the limitations of claims 2, 8 and allowable claim 9. Additionally, claim 3 has been amended to properly depend from amended claim 1. Further, claim 10 has been amended to properly depend from claim 7.

Therefore, claims 1, 3-7 and 10-12 should be in condition for allowance.

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Accordingly, it is believed that the application is in condition for more favorable consideration and Applicant respectfully requests that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.

Respectfully submitted,

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